

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 1, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Szewczak.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, Kevin Deneen; Director of Public Works, Jonathan Bilmes; Water Pollution Control Superintendent, Kevin Shlatz; Recreation Supervisor, Mary Keller; Deputy Chief of Police, Gary Collins; Senior Center Director, Susan Lather

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3147 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Hall to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3147** adopted 9-0-2, with Councilors Bosco and Hall abstaining.

MOTION #3148 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Arnone to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3148** adopted 9-0-2, with Councilors Bosco and Hall abstaining.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Picture Enfield

Kathleen Huhtanen, Jo Ann Slattery, Thomas Kienzler and Susan Lather were present for this item.

Mr. Kienzler spoke about the photography event held at the Enfield Senior Center a few weeks ago. Ms. Huhtanen noted many people attended this event. She thanked the

Enfield Cultural Arts Commission, Big Y and the rest of the sponsors who made this event possible. She noted they raised \$300 for the Friends of the Senior Center, which will assist with programs and events at the senior center.

Mr. Kienzler stated they are planning another event, and when they have more information, they will come back to the Council to share details.

At this point, Mr. Kienzler presented several pictures of Enfield as gifts to the Council.

Green Manor State Park

Present for this item were Recreation Supervisor, Mary Keller and Joseph Powers of 8 Roberts Road.

Ms. Keller stated they did some public meetings, and the skatepark group came before the Town Council and expressed their interest in a skatepark. She noted tonight the goal is to share with the Council the vision the skatepark group has for a park. She stated they are working on this to make it happen as soon as possible.

Mr. Powers spoke about the benefits of a good skatepark in Enfield as follows:

- Skaters will use the skate park instead of the streets
- A well-run skatepark is a healthy environment for kids, physically and socially
- Skaters won't drive to other towns and skate parks which can help with local business revenue. Popular skate parks are located in Willimantic, Bristol, East Haddam, Plainfield and Holyoke
- There could be summer skate camps for kids
- An established skate park committee could help in the development of a skate park

Mr. Powers showed slides of different skate parks and pointed out the most durable, long-lasting and safest parks are constructed from concrete, and such parks can be built into the landscape of the area.

Councilor Arnone stated his preference for a skate park which is built into the landscape of an area.

Councilor Hall stated her belief this is going in the right direction. She noted the Green Manor skate park would be in an area that's heavily used.

Chairman Kaupin questioned what the next steps would be. Mr. Coppler stated from this point forward, Ms. Keller will be putting together some ideas as to what the skatepark might look like. He noted she will bring those ideas back to the Town Council for final approval. Ms. Keller stated they found a national joint purchase association contract, and they're trying to work that out so they can use that as the bid so they don't have to go out for a full bid process. She noted this will help them move forward more quickly.

Councilor Lee questioned which skatepark is the best according to skateboarders, and Mr. Powers responded Willimantic, which looks nice and rides nice.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Laurence Avery, 90 Church Street

Questioned when street sweeping will be done in his neighborhood.

Mr. Avery questioned what will happen to the “Walk of Fame” at Enfield High School after that school is renovated. He noted the “Walk of Fame” is a piece of history that needs to be preserved.

Patricia Wright, 66 Oakwood Street

Thanked the Council for the 2.6% increase for the Board of Education. She noted she was confused about the money for the School Security Officers. She stated unfortunately the Board of Education voted to discontinue the School Security Officers. She noted she was in favor of keeping that program. She stated her understanding some Town Council members tried to get the extra money put toward the Board of Education. She stated her hope more of that money can go toward education. She noted she’d love to see more young families moving into Enfield to keep this town growing.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Mangini agreed with Mr. Avery about the “Walk of Fame” and the need to value history.

She stated the next Puppy Pride event is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at the Moose Lodge on South Road from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilor Mangini stated the Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee is working to put together a great event.

Councilor Szewczak pointed out the memorial brick work at Enfield High School and Fermi High School will be kept safe and re-established in new places at the renovated Enfield High School.

Councilor Stokes stated the Fourth of July Town Celebration Committee is seeking volunteers for this year’s event, and there will be volunteer meetings on June 9th and 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. He added they are also looking for security personnel, and this will be a paid position.

Councilor Hall questioned when Powder Hollow Road will be patched.

MOTION #3149 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to add Item 14 A5 to the agenda, which is a resolution to approve a settlement for litigation.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3149** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3150 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 A1-A5, B4, E, F, G and H.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3150** adopted 11-0-0.

Councilor Lee stated he received a call yesterday from a person who put in a pothole entry online, and they were very pleased to say that pothole was addressed by 8:00 a.m. the following morning.

Chairman Kaupin expressed his appreciation to the Enfield Veterans Council for putting on a great parade and ceremony.

He stated on Saturday, June 6th there will be the third annual Cost of Freedom Walk, which supports “American Warriors”, and this is the group that brings veterans to Washington, D.C. for their day of honor. He noted this includes the flight, a day at the monuments and the return home. He stated this will be a 4 ½ mile walk from John F. Kennedy Middle School to the Town Green. He noted registration is at 8:30, and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Kaupin stated the Enfield Dog Park Action Committee is holding their 8th Annual Puppy Pride Fun Day on Saturday, June 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge on South Road. He noted as a fundraiser mechanism, the dog that raises the most funds will be elected the Mayor of the Enfield Dog Park, and the Mayor’s owner gets a parking space right in front of the dog park.

Councilor Deni stated there’s a Student Honor Society dinner at Mt. Carmel at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9th.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Police Grant Request

Present for this item was Deputy Chief of Police, Gary Collins.

Deputy Chief Collins explained the grant is a 75/25 grant for a period of three years, and the Town would be responsible for 25% of the cost. He noted the officers that are hired for this have to stay in the position for one year beyond the expiration of the grant, therefore, it would be a total of four years in that position. He stated at the end of the four years, the Town would then become responsible for the entire salary of the officers selected.

He stated the federal government will disburse about \$134 million dollars with 200 awards throughout the country. He noted he doesn't know what Enfield's chances would be. He went on to note the Town could apply for a maximum of five people.

Deputy Chief Collins stated his belief the best chance of obtaining this grant would be in a tier fashion, which would first be School Resource Officers followed by Community Police Officers and then basic patrol officers. He noted because of the combining of the high schools, perhaps one possibility is adding one more School Resource Officer (SRO). He noted they could also have two SRO's in a roving capacity so they can cover all the elementary schools.

He stated one possibility is the establishment of a Strategic Enforcement Team. He noted they proposed four officers, and the Council decided on two officers. He noted perhaps they could fill in those two officers as Community Police Officers.

Mr. Coppler stated this grant must be submitted by mid-June. He noted the Council doesn't need to take any formal action this evening, other than provide a consensus on how the Council wishes to proceed. He stated in about three to four years, they're anticipating an outflow of officers from the Police Department because of the DROP Plan. He noted this would give them some flexibility when they start having issues with filling positions.

Councilor Stokes stated his belief this would be a way to replace officers in the future.

Councilor Mangini stated she would definitely go with SRO's since the Town no longer has the School Security Officers.

Councilor Deni stated he would like to see SRO's and community police officers.

Councilor Cekala stated she would like to see some sort of split.

Councilor Arnone stated he would like to see community policing.

Councilor Bosco stated his belief it's important to get a position they really need.

Councilor Edgar questioned what the shortage is now, and Deputy Chief Collins responded four, but before long that number will rise to seven or eight.

Councilor Hall stated she also like the idea of some sort of split. She questioned how many positions are in the DROP Plan, and Mr. Coppler responded twelve.

Councilor Hall stated her belief this is a good way to fill positions.

Chairman Kaupin stated there's a consensus to move forward with the grant for five officers based on the recommendation that will come from the police administration with a mix of SRO's and community policing positions.

Mr. Coppler then spoke about the State DOT's plan to install rumble strips in the vicinity of on/off ramps in the area of the King Street exit and Post Office Road. He noted the Town could have a public information meeting concerning this plan.

Councilor Lee stated his opposition to rumble strips has to do with the resulting noise around residential areas. He stated his belief a public hearing is a good idea.

Councilor Mangini stated she's not happy with the State at this point because she's still waiting to hear about safety concerns near St. Bernard's Church on Hazard Avenue.

Councilor Arnone suggested contacting legislators for more information and to learn what Enfield's rights are.

Councilor Bosco stated he also would like a public hearing on this matter.

Councilor Hall questioned whether the Town can call the State and tell them Enfield absolutely does not want rumble strips. Mr. Coppler indicated he could make that call.

Chairman Kaupin stated his belief it's important to have a public hearing. He added he is also concerned about the noise disturbance from rumble strips.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with a public hearing on this matter.

Mr. Coppler stated street sweeping should be completed within the next few weeks.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Deneen spoke about the proposed settlement of the case of Santos versus the Town of Enfield. He explained this is the case recently filed against the Town in the southern district of New York alleging the Town was negligent in its actions in failing to identify this individual as not the person subject to an arrest warrant. He noted following that filing, CIRMA did some investigation and the Police Department also did a full review of its actions. He stated CIRMA has reached a proposed settlement, which was previously discussed. He noted he had expressed, on behalf of the Town Council, their strong desire to defend this case because they felt very strongly that the actions taken were appropriate given the seriousness of the outstanding charge. He stated CIRMA pointed out that under the Town's contract of insurance with CIRMA that if the Town does not consent to the settlement, not only would the Town be liable for any exposure for any liability in excess of the sum, they could also be required to pay any further cost of defense in excess of the sum of that settlement, all of which would be the responsibility of the Town. He noted the proposed settlement would release the Town and all the individual officers named. He stated there's a clause that would require them to defend this in the southern district of New York, which would mean there's no doubt the Town's cost would be far in excess of the proposed settlement. He stated it is with

great reluctance that he recommends the Town Council accept the settlement that CIRMA has negotiated.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Enfield High School Renovation Building Committee

Councilor Szewczak stated she attended the last committee meeting. She noted the window walls are going up and they're starting the interior work. She stated they are working evenings and Saturdays and are working toward achieving an early November completion for the Fermi wing.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

MOTION #3151 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #6 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3151** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3152 by Councilor Lee to appoint Richard Regnier (R) to the North Central District Health Department for a term which expires 06/30/2016.

MOTION #3153 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3153** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Richard Regnier appointed to the North Central District Health Department by an 11-0-0 vote.

All other Town Council appointments remained tabled.

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN MANAGER)

MOTION #3154 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #6 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3154** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3155 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the Town Manager's recommendation to appoint Dale Shambo (U) to the Fair Rent Commission.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3155** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3156 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #9 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3156** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3157 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes to accept the Town Manager's recommendation to reappoint Richard Szewczak (R) to the Housing Code Appeals Board for a term which expires 05/01/2020.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3157** adopted 10-0-1, with Councilor Szewczak abstaining.

Items C, D and E remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS – TOWN COUNCIL

Item B1 remained on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items were moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #3158 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Arnone to accept the Consent Agenda.

\$2000 Transfer Assessor/Tax
Authorize Town Manager Agreement Youth Services Bureau
Authorize Town Manager Agreement ERASE
Authorize Town Manager Agreement Family Resource Center
Approve Settlement Agreement

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3158** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3159 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Hall to suspend the rules to address Item B1 under Miscellaneous.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3159** adopted 11-0-0.

NOMINATION #3160 by Councilor Mangini to reappoint Donna Corbin Sobinski (D) to the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency for a term which expires 06/30/2019.

MOTION #3161 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3161** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Donna Corbin Sobinski reappointed to the Inland Wetland and Watercourse Agency by an 11-0-0 vote.

NOMINATION #3162 by Councilor Lee to reappoint Mary Ann Turner (R) to the North Central District Health Department Board of Directors for a term which expires 06/30/2018.

MOTION #3163 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Szewczak to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3163** adopted 11-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Mary Ann Turner reappointed to the North Central District Health Department Board of Directors by an 11-0-0 vote.

RESOLUTION #3164 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Deni.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Public Works Fleet Services		
	Vehicle Parts & Supplies	10300380-561700	\$12,000
FROM:	Highway Maintenance		
	Grounds Services	10300370-542400	\$12,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of May 22, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3164** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3165 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Hall.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Audit/Financial Services	10800096-533100	\$50,000
FROM:	Contingency	10800092-584000	\$50,000

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of May 15, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3165** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3166 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Arnone.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Enfield Transit Vehicles	22040412 573200	\$63,576
FROM:	Enfield Transit Misc. State Revenue	22044412 413699	\$56,000
	Approp. Fund Balance	22044412 499000	\$ 7,576

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of May 26, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3166** adopted 11-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3167 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council has authorized the Office of Community Development under Development Services to Establish Revenue Account 23306120-415050 for the Clean and Lien program in order to allow the collection of Property Maintenance Fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council specifies that any revenues collected by the Office of Community Development through the Clean and Lien program will be automatically committed to the purchase of services as needed under the program and may be paid from account 23306120-542400.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3167** adopted 11-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Melissa Wondoloski, 29 Burnham Street

Questioned whether any concessions will be made for the days that the students are taking their final exams. She referred to the noise from construction work.

Councilor Szewczak stated they are cognizant of this, and they do try to keep the noise level down as much as possible.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments from the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3168 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3168** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne F. Olechnicki
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Assessor/Tax
 Purchased Property Services 10183000-540000 \$ 2000.00

FROM: Assessor/Tax
 Tax Sale Notice of Fees Collected 10040000-411065 \$ 2000.00

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of May 12, 2015.

A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter Into Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Education Youth Service Bureau

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Coppler, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017 and to affix the Corporate Seal.

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter Into Agreement with the East of the River Action for Substance-Abuse Elimination, Inc (ERASE)

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Coppler, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with East of the River Action for Substance Abuse Elimination, Inc. for FY 2015-2016 and to affix the Corporate Seal.

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Education Family Resource Center

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Coppler, is empowered to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the State of Connecticut Department of Education for FY 2015-2016 and FY 2016-2017 and to affix the Corporate Seal.

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT OF THE LITIGATION CAPTIONED
ROBINSON SANTOS V. THE TOWN OF ENFIELD CONNECTICUT, ET AL
DOCKET NUMBER 15-CV-02277

RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby approve the Settlement Agreement by and between the Robison Santos and the Town of Enfield, for the above-referenced case; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Attorney Kevin Deneen, or his designee, is authorized to sign the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Town of Enfield.